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NPIC/TDS/D-816-67  
25 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff, NPIC

SUBJECT : Request for Consulting Services

1. It is requested that TDS be permitted to obtain the services of Dr.

[redacted] with a small FY-68 personal services contract. [redacted] is one of the country's most prominent psychologists specializing in visual perception and has published widely on his research findings. He has recently been cleared T-KH-SI and has visited the Center on several occasions. His primary value to TDS would be as a scientific advisor to the NPIC Human Factors program.

2. Although the Agency itself possesses significant resources in psychologist personnel, their predictable employment on NPIC programs has proven extremely difficult. Two DD/S&T/ORD psychologists, [redacted] and two Assessment and Evaluation Staff psychologists, [redacted], have been consulted in the past regarding the TDS Human Factors contract and related considerations. Their cooperation has proven most helpful, but because of other Agency commitments, timely response to our requirements cannot always be insured. In addition, no available Agency psychologist possesses [redacted] critical specialities in visual perception and perceptual training.

3. [redacted] is uniquely qualified for the proposed consultantship position. His established, intimate contact with applied psychology in image interpretation makes him a rarity in the academic community. He is currently employed in consultant status by the [redacted] and has been tasked with preparing an analysis of the image interpreter function from a perceptual point of view. He has already begun work on this project and has made numerous valuable contacts with experts in several relevant disciplines. His proposed working arrangement with the Center would thus not only benefit us alone, but would also be in the best interest of the entire Community since his [redacted]-sponsored evaluation for DDR&E would be more inclusive.

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25X1 5. [ ] background experience and awareness of NPIC interpretation problems is unique and apropos, so much so that [ ] originally proposed utilizing his consultation services on our Human Factors contract. However, his association with [ ] precludes him from accepting a tie with a commercial company. In any case, it is deemed by TDS that a relationship directly with the Center would provide more impartial and flexible consultation services.

25X1 6. Several routes for NPIC's procuring [ ] time have been explored by TDS. At first, it was thought that DDR&E could authorize his gratis liaison through [ ] auspices, but since he is not a permanent employee, [ ] rejected this plan. Next, inquiry was made into the possibility of working with the [ ] (a captive Government contractor) but this approach, too, failed due to lack of [ ] concurrence. The miscellaneous services avenue has also been investigated, but a contract with the University has been ruled out by [ ] because it would require that he substitute his consultation time for us in place of some campus activities. He would prefer to deal with us while maintaining his present University schedule.

25X1 7. Subsequent discussion with Office of Logistics personnel regarding this matter has resulted in the conclusion that the most feasible approach remaining is via the personal services contract route. [ ] salary level at [ ] based upon his full professorship at [ ], is [ ] and he has indicated that he would be willing to consult for us at a similar rate. It is estimated that he will devote approximately 40 days during FY-1968 to consultation with NPIC personnel. At the above rate, this time would amount to [ ] in contract charges. An additional [ ] for travel and per diem allowance would bring the total contractual cost to [ ]. It is realized by TDS that this method of contracting will involve

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significant difficulties. Nevertheless, the consulting services of Dr. [ ] are deemed valuable enough to warrant such a step. It is hoped that action regarding this matter can be initiated as soon as possible.

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